

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** July 2, 2008  
**POSITION:** Neutral, note concerns

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 155  
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### **BILL SUMMARY: Gasoline: Vapor Recovery Systems**

This bill would exempt specified gasoline dispensing facilities from otherwise required Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Phase II upgrades until April 1, 2011.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Air Resources Board (Air Board) estimates that the bill would exempt approximately 50 gasoline dispensing facilities statewide from the Air Board's existing Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Phase II upgrades until April 1, 2011. The Air Board estimates that it would require approximately \$50,000 to alter the existing EVR Phase II regulations to temporarily exempt these facilities from the otherwise required upgrades. The Air Board could absorb these costs within existing resources.

### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

Amendments to this bill since our analysis of the March 21, 2007 version include the following significant amendments which do change our position:

- Prior provisions that would have established an Online Classroom Program to allow school districts to offer online asynchronous learning to high school students statewide through January 1, 2011 under specified conditions have been eliminated and replaced with new provisions that would exempt specified gasoline dispensing facilities from otherwise required EVR Phase II upgrades until April 1, 2011.

### **COMMENTS**

Finance is neutral on this bill. However, we note concern that this bill could be perceived as weakening existing air quality standards and requirements, at a time when the state is struggling to meet existing federal and state air quality requirements.

This bill would prohibit, until April 1, 2011, the Air Board from requiring a gasoline dispensing facility to undergo an Enhanced Vapor Recovery Phase II upgrade if the facility meets all of the following requirements:

- As of January 1, 2009, the facility has installed a state board certified Phase II vapor recovery system and has annual gasoline throughput of 240,000 gallons or less.
- The facility operates in a county that has a population of less than 100,000 in an air basin not classified as nonattainment for ozone.

		SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
Code/Department		LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue		CO	PROP						Fund	
Type		RV	98	FC	2008-2009	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	Code
3900/Air Res Bd		SO	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0044
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>									
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF									

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